

Scott (VA)
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Sestak
Shadegg
Shays
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuler
Shuster
Sires
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Souder
Space
Spratt
Stark
Stearns

Stupak
Sullivan
Sutton
Tancredo
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor
Terry
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Tierney
Towns
Tsongas
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Walberg
Walden (OR)
Walsh (NY)

Walz (MN)
Wamp
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch (VT)
Weldon (FL)
Westmoreland
Wexler
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (SC)
Wolf
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn
Yarmuth
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—23

Alexander
Bachmann
Carson
Castor
Cubin
Culberson
Deal (GA)
Hinojosa

Hirono
Hulshof
Jefferson
Jindal
Johnson, Sam
Kaptur
Kucinich
Levin

Lynch
Marshall
McCarthy (NY)
Paul
Simpson
Weller
Wilson (OH)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1703

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, today I was detained and unable to vote on the final passage of the Small Business Contracting Program Improvements Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on H.R. 3867, the Small Business Contracting Program Improvements Act, House rollcall vote 1017.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3547

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 3547.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SALAZAR). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3547

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 3547.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3547

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 3547.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3547

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 3547.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Texas?

There was no objection.

SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER
OF THIS WEEK

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address the schedule for the rest of this week. Regular Members don't have a chance to talk. It's usually the majority leader and our chief deputy whip. But I did this a couple of weeks ago when we left at 5 o'clock. Today it's another 5 o'clock ending session.

We have really three bills left to address this week, the Hard Rock Mining and Reclamation Act, which we could do tonight, Trade Globalization Assistance Act, which we could do tomorrow morning, and we could appoint our conferees tomorrow morning, mid-afternoon, which would allow many Members to be able to get home with their family.

I have an 8-year-old son. It might be nice to go trick-or-treating with him.

There's no reason we have to be here for 2 days to conduct this type of work. I'm embarrassed for this House and the time spent here doing no work.

FLAG CONTROVERSY AT
NATIONAL CEMETERIES

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, when a veteran is buried in one of our national cemeteries, the flag draped over the warrior's coffin is neatly folded and given to the warrior's family. As the flag is folded, a statement is made as to what each fold represents. Two of the folds refer to Jews and Christians in our military. But that ceremony has been sabotaged by the National Cemetery Administration. Some bureaucrat banned the recitation of the meaning of the folds in the flag at all national cemeteries because someone complained about the ceremony being religious.

To ban this time-honored tradition which recognizes life, gives tribute to

our country and to our Armed Forces, honors women, recognizes fathers, and reminds us of our national motto "In God We Trust" is un-American and, frankly, it's stupid.

I've been to funerals at national cemeteries of fallen troops from my district. I've heard the recitation of the meaning of each fold. I've watched tearful mothers and fathers and spouses hold that flag next to their chest, grateful for every fold.

The Washington bureaucrat that issued this absurd ruling should withdraw the ban. It's unpatriotic, irreverent and disrespectful of our war dead.

And that's just the way it is.

INTERNET TAXATION
MORATORIUM

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today on the floor of the House we addressed the question of Internet taxation moratorium, a bill that came out of my House Judiciary Committee, the Judiciary Committee which I sit on under the leadership of JOHN CONYERS.

Because I was unavoidably detained, I wanted to congratulate the passage of this bill and to support the moratorium as relates to grandfathering in those States that already had the utilization of Internet taxation, such as my State of Texas.

We know that this will take a long debate on this question. We understand that there are issues on both sides. Those who are in the Internet superhighway, who want a free flowing of information and ability to buy and sell, that is a reasonable request.

But we also know that more and more Americans will be moving toward Internet shopping and utilization, and for many local jurisdictions and States, this is a source of income that is well needed for health care and education.

I support the Internet resolution that passed today, and I am grateful for the grandfathering of the State of Texas.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3547

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 3547.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCNERNEY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.